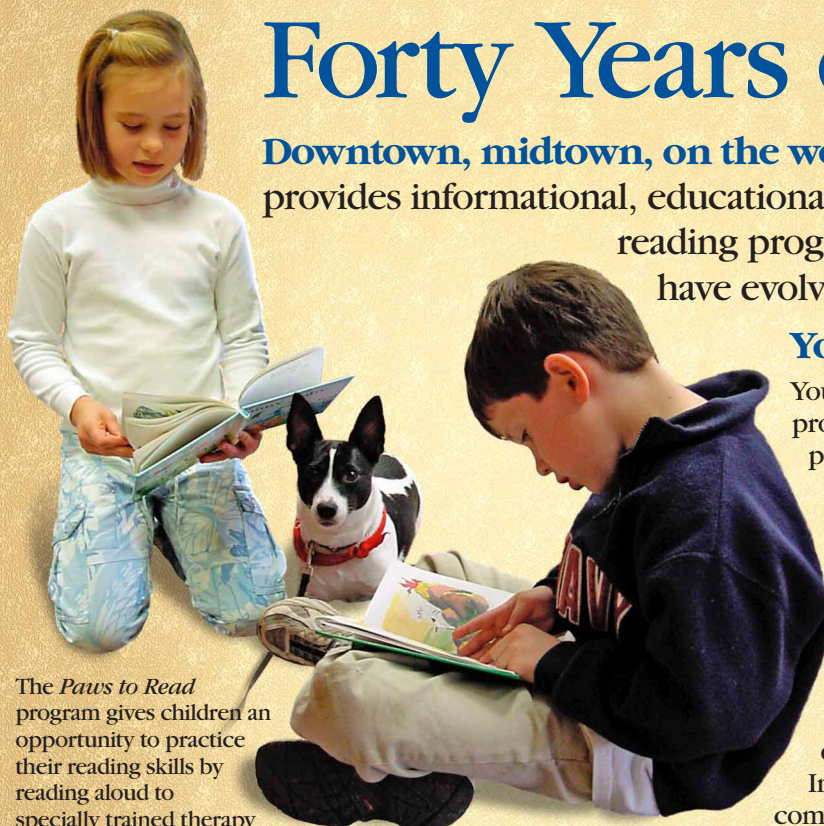


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Forty Years of Service

Downtown, midtown, on the web, and on the move—the Lynchburg Public Library provides informational, educational, recreational, and cultural services. From children's reading programs to public Internet access, the library's services have evolved to meet the changing needs of the community.



The *Paws to Read* program gives children an opportunity to practice their reading skills by reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs. Here Caroline and Johnny Riordan read to Raleigh, who listens attentively to the children's stories.

Youth Services

Youth programs include lapsit sessions for mothers and babies, toddler programs, story times for three and four year olds, and family craft programs. The Summer Reading Program draws 2,500 attendees.

Newer programs include E.C. Glass athletes reading to 5th graders, a middle school science reading program sponsored by Areva, twice yearly visits by library staff to all K-1 public school classes, *Paws to Read*, and volunteer opportunities for teens.

Adult Services

A staff of professional librarians answer dozens of reference questions daily, manage the public Internet access PCs, coordinate computer classes, support an adult book club, and maintain the adult collection of books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, and MP3s. They work closely with outside groups, such as the AARP and CVAAA, who frequently use the computer lab in their work with seniors.

Gus the Learning Bus

Since early 2005, the library has been on the move with Gus the Learning Bus, an outreach program designed to build kindergarten readiness skills in preschoolers and parenting skills in their caregivers. Funded by an 18-month federal grant and in partnership with the Lynchburg City Schools and United Way's Success by 6 program, Gus travels across the city providing preschool activities for children and resources for their parents. Permanent funding is needed.

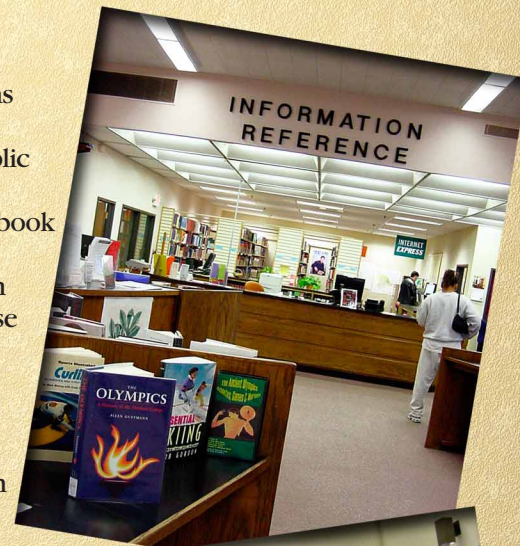
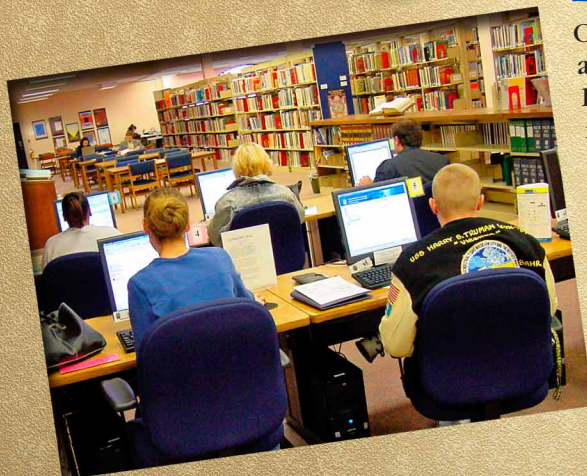


Downtown Branch and Public Law Library

Offering a variety of new books and magazines, small reference and children's collections, and four public use PCs, the Downtown branch serves a diverse clientele. The branch also maintains a Public Law Library, which serves citizens, the legal community, and inmates at the Blue Ridge Regional Jail and Rustburg Correctional Center.

Computers and Internet Access

Public access to the Internet is a major service area. Daily, 150+ adults and youth use the PCs at the main and branch libraries. The main library is a free wireless "HotSpot." Classes taught in the ten-seat computer lab include *Mouse and Keyboard*, *MS Word*, *Excel*, *PowerPoint*, *eBay*, and *Internet Searching*.



On the Web

In 2000, the library opened a new "branch," located at www.lyncburgva.gov/publiclibrary. The website provides program information, access to FINDITVA.COM, a magazine and newspaper database, the library catalog, and links to other websites.